

[13th March 1928]

Local Boards

Construction of the Coleroon bridge.

* 1714 Q.—Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the information said to have been called for in the answer to question No. 1486 answered on 25th January 1928, about the Coleroon bridge, has been received; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take with reference to that matter?

A.—(a) Yes; the information required in Question No. 1486 is given below:—

“Question No. 1486.

(a) When the Coleroon bridge at Anaikaranchatram was washed away by the floods.

Answer. In November 1903.

(b) Why it has not been rebuilt; and

(d) Whether the Government and the district boards of South Arcot and Tanjore have considered the question of rebuilding it.

Answer. The question of reconstructing the bridge was dropped as the cost was heavy and the district boards of South Arcot and Tanjore were of opinion that the bridge was not essential.

(c) What was the extent of the traffic across the bridge for 5 years before its collapse.

Answer. There is no information.

(e) What will be the estimated cost of such reconstruction.

Answer. The President, District Board, South Arcot, estimates the cost at about Rs. 6 lakhs.”

(b) The Government do not propose to take any action until the district boards concerned move in the matter.

Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—“With regard to the answer to clause (c) by the district board, may I ask the hon. Minister when the information was obtained?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—“I want notice.”

Enquiry into the administration of the Chingleput District Board.

* 1715 Q.—Mr. RAMANATH GOENKA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government are considering the advisability of instituting an enquiry into the administration of the Chingleput District Board?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—“May I ask, as the question is so vague, what the charges are? The answer is that it is not proposed to institute an enquiry.”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—“There has been no charge made to the Government.”